

# LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **November 12, 2002**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9

CONSENT: **X**

REGULAR:

CLOSED SESSION:

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

(Confidential)

ITEM TITLE: **Appropriation of grant money for the Domestic Violence Program (Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney)**

### RECOMMENDATION:

Appropriate \$135,710 of the \$595,000 domestic violence grant award to the City/Federal/State Aid Fund for the remainder of FY03. This figure represents the amount of money needed to cover projected expenses from Dec. 1, 2002-June 30, 2003.

### SUMMARY:

As of 10/29/02, the Compensation Board has announced a reduction of \$48,601 in reimbursement to the City for the operations of this office. At this point in the fiscal year, this will require the reduction of \$73,600 in salaries. By transferring two positions to this grant and removing them from the General Fund, the Commonwealth's Attorney's office can achieve the budget reduction without layoffs.

### PRIOR ACTION(S):

October 8, 2002: Resolution adopted by Council authorizing the acceptance of the domestic violence grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice.

### BUDGET IMPACT:

The \$595,000 grant award is fully reimbursable from the U.S. Department of Justice and no local match is required. This award is effective upon appropriation of funding, and the grant period will run until the full grant award is expended.

Exit Strategy: If the domestic violence grant is not renewed by the closing of the grant period, the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney will seek alternative funding sources to continue program efforts. Under the reality of current budget restraints, it is highly unlikely that the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office would seek funding from the City to continue its Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit, without exhausting all possible funding options first. Should no further funding be available at any level (Federal/State/Local), the Office will terminate its domestic violence program.

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### ATTACHMENT(S):

- Resolution
- Budget form

REVIEWED BY: lkp

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that \$135,710 is appropriated to the City/Federal/State Aid Fund, fully reimbursable from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the continuation of the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Financial Services Director is authorized to make such transfer of funds from the General Fund to the City/Federal/State Aid Fund as are necessary to fund this action.

Introduced:

Adopted:

Certified:

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Clerk of Council

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